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Dear Sir:


The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make these references of official record in this application. Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report dated November 24, 1999 and a Supplementary European Search Report mailed September 9, 2002 in a corresponding European application.

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